

Sinclair Broadcasting is undermining democracy and using the free public airwaves to promote their own financial and ideological interests by forcing their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary.

Their decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is also a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced about an issue that happened 30 years ago, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and current news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's outrageous actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They should have their license revoked, and most certainly show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Thank you.